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Applicants wish to make of record the following documents (clean copies and Forms PTO/SB/08A listing the documents are enclosed).

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The Examiner's independent consideration of all of these documents and their relevance before issuance of a first official action on the merits is respectfully requested. The Examiner is also requested to initial and return a copy of the accompanying form PTO/SB/08A to evidence such consideration.

We note that an international search report from related international application no. PCT/GB2008/001883, which was published on December 11, 2008 and owned by the assignee of the present application is cited herein. Copies of documents

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